



## COUNTY OF AMHERST



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### Business Tax Town Hall

The Amherst County Board of Supervisors will hold a Town Hall Meeting during their meeting on August 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm. The Town Hall portion of the meeting has an open format where members of the community will be able to interact directly with the Board and staff with questions and answers regarding the Business Equity Tax Change proposals.

To assist with social distancing, chairs in the Public Meeting Room have been moved six feet apart. With this adjustment, the room can accommodate thirty-three people. In accordance with Governor Northam's Executive Order 63, we request that you wear masks during public meetings.

We understand that not all members of the community are comfortable attending public gathers during this time so the meeting will be broadcast over YouTube:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZQOX\\_fj6WayGu\\_Hp8eZNVA/featured?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZQOX_fj6WayGu_Hp8eZNVA/featured?view_as=subscriber)

For the Town Hall portion, the Board of Supervisors has provided three ways for those viewing the meeting on YouTube to participate in the Town Hall portion of the meeting: email, telephone call or written YouTube chat. Those wishing to speak during the **Citizen Comments section of the meeting, must attend in person**. Citizen comments are received regarding any topic at the beginning and end of every Board of Supervisors meeting.

- **Email** your full name, address, and comment or question regarding the proposed business tax changes to Regina Rice, Executive Assistant to Boards and Commissions, [rmrice@countyofamherst.com](mailto:rmrice@countyofamherst.com). Your email will be read aloud during the Town Hall portion of the meeting. Comments must be received by 3:00 pm the day of the meeting.
- **Call** the County Administrator's Office at (434) 946-9400 or email the Public Information Officer, Joy Niehaus at [jlniehaus@countyofamherst.com](mailto:jlniehaus@countyofamherst.com) by 3:00 pm the day of the meeting to reserve a phone call slot. During the meeting those with reserved spots will receive a call. They will be placed on speaker phone for all present to hear their comments or question. Speakers must identify themselves to the meeting by stating their full name and address before making their comment.
- **Comment** in the YouTube chat stream of the meeting with your full name, address, and comment or question regarding the proposed Business Tax Changes. Your comment will be read out loud during the Town Hall portion of the meeting. Questions and comments must be directly related to proposed Business Tax Changes and must include your full name and address to be read out loud. Comments submitted once the Town Hall portion of the meeting has come to a close, will not be read.

Information about the proposed tax changes can be found on the County website in the Board of Supervisors' July 7, 2020 meeting agenda: <https://www.countyofamherst.com/meetings/>.

Additional information may be obtained from Joy Niehaus at [jlniehaus@countyofamherst.com](mailto:jlniehaus@countyofamherst.com) or (434)-946-9400.